

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A sanding block comprising an abrasive grit bonded to a flexible, compressible, polymeric foam core, the sanding block conforming, when viewed macroscopically before the sanding block becomes worn, substantially to a block having two expansive sides and two adjacent sides, wherein a given one of the expansive sides is abrasive, wherein the given one of the expansive sides has two opposite edges, at each of which one of the adjacent sides adjoins the given one of the expansive sides, wherein a given one of the opposite edges, when viewed macroscopically before the sanding block becomes worn, is a sharp edge, and wherein the other one of the opposite edges, when viewed macroscopically before the sanding block becomes worn, is a curved edge.

2. (Original) The sanding block of claim 1 wherein, when viewed macroscopically before the sanding block becomes worn, the curved edge defines a radius not less than about  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch at any location on said curved edge.

3. (Original) The sanding block of claim 1 wherein, when viewed macroscopically before the sanding block becomes worn, the sharp edge defines an acute angle in a range from about  $55^{\circ}$  to about  $70^{\circ}$ .

4. (Original) The sanding block of claim 2 wherein, when viewed macroscopically before the sanding block becomes worn, the sharp edge defines an acute angle in a range from about  $55^{\circ}$  to about  $70^{\circ}$ .

5. (Original) The sanding block of claim 1 wherein the adjacent side adjoining the given one of the expansive sides at the sharp edge also is abrasive.

6. (Original) The sanding block of claim 2 wherein the adjacent side adjoining the given one of the expansive sides at the sharp edge also is abrasive.

7. (Original) The sanding block of claim 3 wherein the adjacent side adjoining the given one of the expansive sides at the sharp edge also is abrasive.

8. (Original) The sanding block of claim 4 wherein the adjacent side adjoining the given one of the expansive sides at the sharp edge also is abrasive.

9. (Original) The sanding block of claim 5 wherein the other one of the expansive sides and the other one of the adjacent sides also are abrasive.

10. (Original) The sanding block of claim 6 wherein the other one of the expansive sides and the other one of the adjacent sides also are abrasive.

11. (Original) The sanding block of claim 7 wherein the other one of the expansive sides and the other one of the adjacent sides also are abrasive.

12. (Original) The sanding block of claim 8 wherein the other one of the expansive sides and the other one of the adjacent sides also are abrasive.